

# County of Los Angeles

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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

APPROVAL TO EXTEND AGREEMENT NO. 71696 FOR VICTIM ACCESS NOTIFICATION SERVICES WITH APPRISS INCORPORATED (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ( ) DISAPPROVE ( )

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to sign the attached contract amendment extending the term and adding the jury service requirement to Agreement No. 71696 with Appriss Incorporated. The Amendment continues Appriss' responsibility to provide automated victim notification services to crime victims in Los Angeles County for a period of three (3) years, with two (2) one-year options to extend, for an annual cost of \$319,590 for the first three years and \$338,766 annually for the two (2) optional extension years, effective July 1, 2003, for a maximum contract sum of \$1,636,302.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to exercise the optional two (2) one-year extensions if, in the Sheriff's discretion, such action would be in the best interest of the County.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of this action is to extend Board Agreement No. 71696 to allow Appriss Incorporated, the current Contractor, to continue to provide automated victim notification services to Los Angeles County crime victims.

This service provides notice to crime victims throughout Los Angeles County, particularly to victims of domestic violence, stalking, and rape of the release and/or transfer of their attackers. In more than 75 percent of all reported cases, victims of domestic violence, stalking, and rape are injured or killed by individuals with whom they have had a relationship. From the inception of the service in January 1999, anonymous registrants have received more than 19,000 successful notifications. Notification has been mandated since January 1, 1995, by *California Penal Code*, Section 646.92.

The Sheriff's Department contacted several law enforcement agencies throughout California, and Appriss Incorporated continues to be the only firm providing this service.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The victim notification services provided under this Agreement support the County's Strategic Goals for Service Excellence by providing the public with access to vital crime safety information.

Victim Access Notification Services has been added to the Sheriff's Department's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Business Automated Plan. Victim Access Notification Services is included in the Sheriff's Department's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 information technology budget.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The maximum amount payable for the services provided through this Agreement extension will be \$1,636,302 over the entire term, including the two (2) annual extension options.

Funding in the amount of \$319,590 for the first year is budgeted in the Sheriff's Department's Fiscal Year 2003-04 budget. Funds will be allocated each year in the Sheriff's Department's budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In March of 1997, the Board directed the Sheriff's Department to establish a Domestic Violence Notification Committee to examine the feasibility of acquiring a domestic violence early warning system.

The Committee identified the requirements necessary for a viable system that could furnish inmate data via an interface with the Sheriff's Automated Justice Information System. In 1998 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued a Request for Proposal and the Agreement was awarded by your Board to Interactive Systems, LLC to provide automated victim notification services to victims of crimes. During the term of that Agreement, Interactive Systems, LLC changed its name to Appriss Incorporated. The amendment will extend the current agreement and add the Board's requirement for support of the County's jury service system and the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

Appriss Incorporated has been notified that if it provides any task, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Contract, it shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County. Further, the Contractor will not be asked to perform services that exceed the Agreement amount, scope of work, or contract dates.

Appriss Incorporated is in compliance with all Board, CAO, and County Counsel requirements.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment as to form.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In 1998 when the RFP was released, Appriss Incorporated was the only firm to respond since their firm was the only one providing this service. The Sheriff's Department contacted several law enforcement agencies throughout California, and it was determined that Appriss Incorporated continues to be the sole provider of this service.

It would not be cost effective to create a new system because the Victim Access Notification System interfaces with the Sheriff's Department's Automated Justice Information System that is already in place and functioning properly.

# IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of this Amendment will ensure continued and uninterrupted victim notification services to Los Angeles County, particularly for victims of domestic violence, stalking, and rape. Also, the Sheriff's Department will ensure compliance with the *California Penal Code*, Section 646.92.

# **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Board, please return an adopted copy of this action and two original executed copies of this Amendment to the Sheriff's Department's Contracts Administration Unit, for further processing.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY D. BACA

SHERIFF

Reviewed by:

JON W. FULLINWIDER AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

(See Attached Analysis)